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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hyattsville Bowling Center

and/or common Field's Buick-Opel Automobile Dealership

## 2. Location

street & number 5503 Baltimore Boulevard ☐ not for publication

city, town Hyattsville ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district

state Maryland ☐ county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Field

street & number ☐ telephone no.:

city, town ☐ state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ☐ liber

street & number ☐ folio

city, town ☐ state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town ☐ state

## 7. Description

Survey No. HR-2 PG.68-41-34

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This building is two stories high, seven bays wide, and has a 6,7 course common brick bond which is painted white. Decorative brickwork in the frieze is in a mousetooth configuration. A datestone(1940) is prominently displayed in the center of the facade, above the frieze and below the metal copings. Most of the windows on the facade are 8 over 8 lights with double hung sashes. A large semi-circular window is in the second story above the central doorway. Two small round windows flank the semi-circular one. A large capped chimney made of brick is located on the southwest corner. The first story facade corners have a quoin-like effect made by alternating and protruding brick courses. The big showroom windows on the first floor have steel frames and are four bays wide, they were most likely added in the 1950s. The north elevation has a large cement ramp leading to a second story overhead garage door. Also, a small one story addition made of concrete block is adjacent to the ramp. Another addition at the rear elevation is one and a half stories, six bays wide, has a flat roof and is constructed with concrete blocks. It has metal frame windows and a corrugated metal overhead door.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. ~~HR-2~~ PG: 68-41-34

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1940 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This building was constructed in 1940 by the owner, Oscar K. Hiser. It was a bowling alley consisting of 24 lanes and a soda fountain was located near the entrance. People from far and wide made the trek to Hyattsville to partake in the recreative and social atmosphere. Eventually the owner, Hiser, went bankrupt and Mr. Field and his Buick dealership moved into the space in the early 1950s. Consequently the entire interior and partial exterior alterations have occurred thus accomodating the service and repairs of patrons automobiles i.e., large one and a half story addition at the rear elevation and the large facade show windows for optimum views of the auto display floor.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HR-2

Prince George's Post      October 3, 1940  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map    1959

PG: 63-41-34

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References    do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone      Easting      Northing

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town

state

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